

### REMARKS

Claims 1-3 stand rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,765,495 to Dunning *et al.* ("Dunning") under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Claims 4-8 stand rejected as obvious over Dunning in view of U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0191568 to Breed ("Breed"). Claims 1-8 remain at issue in this response.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Dunning. Amended claim 1 requires *inter alia* "a lighting device associated with the second vehicle responsive to the command signal from said microcontroller and indicating visually the decoded command with the lighting device of the second vehicle."

Dunning does not disclose this element of claim 1. Dunning is a communication system that allows messages and information to be transmitted between vehicles. Dunning does not disclose a system whereby the second vehicle's lights mimic the lights of the first vehicle, as required by claim 1.

Claims 2-3 depend from claim 1 and include the limitations of claim 1 as such claims 2-3 are not anticipated by Dunning for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

Claims 4-8 stand rejected as obvious over Dunning in view of Breed. Claim 4-8 depend from claim 1 and, as discussed above, Claim 1 requires *inter alia* "a lighting device associated with the second vehicle responsive to the command signal from said microcontroller and indicating visually the decoded command with the lighting device of the second vehicle."

As also discussed above, Dunning does not disclose at least the cited element of claim 1. Moreover, Breed does not disclose a system whereby the second vehicle's lights mimic the lights of the first vehicle, as required by claim 1. As such, claims 4-8 define over the combination of Dunning and Breed and the other prior art of record.

Based on the foregoing, the allowance of claims 1-8 is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application on the next Office Action, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the purpose of arranging such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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